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SUBJ: IRAN'S POSITION ON ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION AT ISLAMIC
CONFERENCE

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1. CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ORGS DIV SAYAR ASKED POLCOUNS TO CALL
AT MFA JULY 22 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF IRAN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD
ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT JIDDA ISLAMIC CONFERENCE.
SAYAR, WHO WAS MEMBER OF IRANIAN DELEGATION AT CONFERENCE, CON-
FIRMED WHAT WE REPORTED IN REFTEL AND SAID GOI WANTED US TO KNOW
DIFFICULT SPOT IT HAD FOUND SELF IN. PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF
IRAN'S CURRENT EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE CLOSER RELATIONS WITH ARAB
STATES IN GULF AREA, GOI HAD FELT IT IMPORTANT NOT TO BE
DISSENTER ON ISSUE OF SUCH IMPORTANCE TO THOSE STATES, ALTHOUGH
IT HAD MADE CLEAR IT DID NOT APPROVE OF RESOLUTION. GOI HAD
EXPLAINED ITS POSITION TO ISRAELI MISSION HERE WHICH "UNDERSTANDS".

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OTHERS WHO WERE RELUCTANT TO GO ALONG WITH RESOLUTION, ACCORDING
TO SAYAR, WERE SAUDI ARABIA, MALAYSIA, INDONESIA, AND TURKEY.

EGYPT, TOO, WAS LUKEWARM BUT AS CONFRONTATION STATE IT FELT COMPELLED TO SUPPORT SYRIAN/PLO EFFORTS. TURKISH MEMBER OF DELEGATION TOLD SAYAR IT VOTED FOR RESOLUTION BECAUSE TURKEY IS SURROUNDED BY 21 ARAB COUNTRIES AND NEEDS THEIR SUPPORT IN CYPRUS; AS QUID PRO QUO TURKISH-CYPRIO LEADER DENKTASH WAS ALLOWED TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE IN GESTURE OF ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY.

2. SAYAR SAID GOI BELIEVES IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM UN, AND ACTION SIMILAR TO THAT TAKEN LAST YEAR AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA IS LESS LIKELY BECAUSE UNGA PRESIDENT IS NO LONGER FROM THIRD WORLD. SAYAR DOES NOT KNOW WHAT FURTHER STEPS ARABS MIGHT BE PLANNING TO FOLLOW UP ON RESOLUTION, BUT WHATEVER FORM THEY TAKE IRAN WILL PROBABLY BE ABLE AT MOST TO ABSTAIN RATHER THAN OPPOSE OUTRIGHT.

3. POLCOUNS NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH HE PERSONALLY COULD UNDERSTAND SITUATION WHICH REQUIRED IRAN TO GO ALONG WITH SUCH A RESOLUTION, AMERICAN PUBLIC AND CONGRESS FOUND IT HARD TO DRAW DISTINCTION BETWEEN "EXPELLING" AND "SUSPENDING" A UN MEMBER STATE OR BETWEEN WILLING OR UNWILLING SUPPORT OF OFFENSIVE RESOLUTION. HE POINTED OUT UNANIMOUS SENATE RESOLUTION OF JULY 18 EXPRESSING DETERMINATION TO REVIEW COMMITMENTS TO ALL NATIONS INVOLVED IN SUCH AN EXPULSION AND GAVE SAYAR COPY OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S JULY 14 SPEECH AT MILWAUKEE, ADDING THAT WE PLANNED TO TAKE UP ENTIRE QUESTION MORE SYSTEMATICALLY WHEN UNDERSECRETARY NADIM RETURNS.

4. PRIMIN HOVEYDA TOLD VISITING WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS JULY 22 THAT IRAN HAD MADE CLEAR TO ARAB COUNTRIES THAT ITS BASIC POLICY WAS ADHERENCE TO UN CHARTER AND THAT IT DID NOT AGREE WITH SUGGESTION THAT ISRAEL BE EXPELLED BECAUSE THAT WOULD SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE. WHOLE IDEA OF UN WAS TO PROVIDE FORUM WHERE DIFFERENCES COULD BE DISCUSSED. ON QUESTION OF ISRAEL, IRAN'S NATIONAL POLICY WAS TO SUPPORT UN RESO. 242 WHICH IT REGRETTED HAD NOT BEEN CARRIED OUT, BUT EXPULSION WAS NOT THE REMEDY. HELMS

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